

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY / NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY BETHESDA
BRAC INTEGRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY – OCTOBER 4, 2016**

- **Ilaya Hopkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Updates from Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA): Christopher Bishop provided updates on Intersection Improvement projects that are under way.**
 - **MD 355 (Rockville Pike)/Cedar Lane:** Currently at 89% complete; estimated completion late fall 2016, weather permitting. Final resurfacing this month; resurfacing will address issues regarding lane signage/stripping. There are questions whether the northbound lane from NSAB's North Gate is dedicated. Landscaping/tree planting expected spring 2017, which is the best time for planting. http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/projects/355_cedar.html
 - **MD 187 (Old Georgetown Road)/West Cedar Lane:** Currently at 39% complete; estimated completion fall 2017, weather permitting. New signaling at 187/West Cedar now in place.
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/projects/187_cedar.html
 - **Dynamic Signaling, Southbound MD 355 (Rockville Pike) at Jones Bridge Road:** Was activated this afternoon following a community outreach effort that included electronic message boards in the neighborhood and email messages to area residents. The signaling will be operational in the afternoon peak hours and creates two left turn lanes from southbound MD 355 onto eastbound JBR.
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/projects/355_jones.html
 - **MD 185 (Connecticut Ave)/Jones Bridge Road:** The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) is rebuilding its retaining wall and SHA is beginning the process of relocating utilities along the south side of Jones Bridge Road west of Connecticut Avenue (MD 185). Actual road constructions on Jones Bridge Road is not expected to take place in 2017. Eventual SHA construction will create an additional left turn lane from eastbound JBR onto northbound MD 185.
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/projects/185_jones.html
- **Updates from Phil Alperson, Montgomery County Military Installations (BRAC) Coordinator:**
 - **Matters discussed at BIC meetings are detailed chronologically with background material on the website's "Get Involved" Page:**
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/Content/EXEC/brac/get_involved.asp

- **Printable Timeline: Anticipated Construction-Related Traffic Disruptions in Bethesda:**
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/resources/files/brac_projects_timeline.pdf
 - **BRAC Transportation Projects and Commuting Options:**
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/content/exec/brac/projects_glance.asp
- Phil reminded the Committee to get traffic and BRAC news and information first by following Montgomery County BRAC on Twitter **@BracMoCoMD**.
- **MD 355 Multimodal Crossing Project:** Tim Cupples, the MCDOT project manager for the Crossing Project, introduced Peter Chase of Clark Construction, the recently selected primary contractor.

Two bids for the project came in over budget, so MCDOT and its partner agencies had to find cost savings and additional funding. Approximately \$11 million in savings included the elimination of two “up” escalators that would have been located at each end of the shallow underpass, and the elimination of one of three high speed elevators to the Metrorail mezzanine on the Navy side of MD 355. Elevators (and stairs) would still be available to meet ADA requirements for access to the underpass, and an existing third elevator on the west side of MD 355 would continue to provide access to the Metrorail mezzanine. Additional funding came from OEA (\$34 million) and SHA (\$2 million) in previously appropriated but unobligated federal funds.

- **10-4-16 MCDOT Presentation: MD 355 (Rockville Pike) Multimodal Crossing Project: (18 pp)**
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/Resources/Files/MMX-BIC_Presentation-100416.pdf
 - **Crossing Project Overview:**
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/projects/metro_mc.html
 - **Crossing Project Construction Web Site:**
<http://md355crossing.com/>
- **MCDOT: Andrew Bossi update on BRAC-related projects:**
 - **Elmhirst Parkway Bridge reconstruction in the Locust Hill neighborhood.**
 The bridge is now closed; estimated reopening is April, 2017, weather permitting.
 - **MCDOT Press Release:**
http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=14005
 - **MCDOT Time-lapse Project Webcam:**
<https://www.workzonecam.com/projects/montgomery/elmhirstparkway/workzonecam2>

- **Platt Ridge Drive extension: MCDOT expects to publish bids for contractors in November 2016.** The project should be completed by November 2017, weather permitting.
 - **Project Description:**
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/projects/platt_ridge.html
- **NIH:** Susan Roberts reported that NIH is working with SHA to make sure a safety fence is erected along the culvert at the southwest corner of the MD 355/Cedar Lane intersection adjacent to NIH property.
- **NSAB UPDATES:** Luke Armstrong said that he has been in frequent communication with residents of the East Bethesda neighborhood who have been subject to noise coming from temporary chillers on the NSAB campus facing Jones Bridge Road. New, permanent chillers will soon be operational that should reduce the noise. He and Susan Paul of NAVFAC also discussed NSAB's reforestation program that will help restore some buffers that have been removed during on-base construction
- **COMMUNITY ISSUES:** Questions and concerns were raised about noise, traffic, aesthetic, and dirt/debris implications of NSAB construction projects.
- **Ilaya adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm. The next Committee meeting is scheduled tentatively for Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the BCC Regional Services Center. It is very possible that the meeting will be postponed into 2017.**

BRAC Committee members in attendance, October 4, 2016:

Nancy Abeles, Bethesda Crest
 Phil Alperson, Montgomery County Military Installations (BRAC) Coordinator
 Ilaya Hopkins, East Bethesda Citizens Assn. and Chair of the BRAC Integration Committee
 Ginanne Italiano, Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce
 Ed Krauze, Bethesda Parkview Citizens Association
 Karen Kuker-Kihl, The Promenade Apartments
 Richard Levine, Locust Hill Citizens Association
 Janet Maalouf, Maplewood Citizens Association
 Debbie Michaels, Glenbrook Village Home Owners Association
 Sara Morningstar, Montgomery County Office of Intergovernmental Relations
 Patrick O'Neil, Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce
 Eric Osberg, Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
 Susan Roberts, National Institutes of Health
 Leslie Weber, Suburban Hospital (Johns Hopkins Medicine)

Ex-officio:

Ryan Emery, Installation Transportation Officer, Naval Support Activity Bethesda
Luke Armstrong, Community Liaison Officer, Naval Support Activity Bethesda
Jeremy Brooks, Public Affairs Officer, Naval Support Activity Bethesda
Susan Paul, Installation Environmental Programs Director, NAVFAC / NSAB
Joan Kleinman, Office of Congressman Chris Van Hollen
Aaron Kraut, Office of Council Member Roger Berliner
Debbie Spielberg, Office of Council Member Marc Elrich
Constanza Rodriguez, Office of Delegate Marc Korman

Other Attendees (signed in)

Andrew Bossi, MCDOT
Peter Chase, Clark Construction
Stacy Coletta, MCDOT RideOn
Maricela Cordova-Garcia, Clark Construction
Tim Cupples, MCDOT
Richard Hoyer
Bruce Johnston, MCDOT
Anyesha Mookherjee, SHA
Allison MacFarlane
Paul & Barbara MacNeill, East Bethesda Citizens Assn.
Steve McVeigh, SHA
Jeanette Musil, DOD Office of Economic Adjustment
Paul Seder
Rob Shoemaker, SHA
Barb Solberg, SHA
Bob Young